

# **EXHIBIT D**

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
3 HOUSTON DIVISION

4 PARALELL SEPARATION \* 15-CV-920  
INNOVATIONS, LLC  
5 VS. \* Houston, Texas  
6 \* 2:17 p.m.  
7 NATIONAL OILWELL VARCO, \* May 15, 2015  
INC.

8 INITIAL CONFERENCE  
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10 BEFORE THE HONORABLE SIM LAKE  
11 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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1 though, Your Honor.

02:27:53 2 THE COURT: It was suggested that this Court is  
3 far too liberal in allowing disputed terms and the clients  
4 think the lawyers are charging the clients too much because  
5 I allow too many terms to be litigated. So I'm going to  
6 have no more than five disputed terms.

7 MR. POGORZELSKI: Okay.

8 THE COURT: Now, with that in mind, normally, a  
9 Markman hearing doesn't take more than about two hours. Do  
02:28:10 10 you envision this hearing taking more than one afternoon?

11 MR. POGORZELSKI: No, Your Honor.

12 MR. BOWICK: No, Your Honor. The only question  
13 I have is if the Court would want a technical tutorial.

14 THE COURT: Yes. I'm not an engineer by  
02:28:24 15 training. I'd like the tech tutorial to be submitted  
16 before the Markman hearing. What I normally do, the  
17 parties either submit it. Most of the time they just give  
18 me a little video clip that I can play, 10 or 15 minutes.  
19 And then have an expert in the court in case I have any  
02:28:45 20 questions. That's the way I normally do it. And then I  
21 normally don't hear evidence unless it's needed. Normally,  
22 I let the lawyers argue. If I have a question the lawyers  
23 can't answer, I'll ask the technical expert.

24 I like to read the tutorial before the  
02:29:01 25 Markman hearing so I can think about the issues and try to

1 otherwise. So don't rely on some glimmer of hope as to a  
2 some future ruling as a basis for not preparing for the  
3 Markman hearing.

4 MR. RALEY: Understood, Your Honor.

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5 MR. POGORZELSKI: Yes, Your Honor.

6 THE COURT: Thank you. You're excused. Have a  
7 good weekend.

8 MR. BOWICK: Thank you, Your Honor.

9 THE COURT: I'm going to sit here awhile. You  
10 don't need to -- you can go about your business.

02:38:00

11 (Recessed at 2:38 p.m.)

12 COURT REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

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14 I, Johnny C. Sanchez, certify that the foregoing is a  
15 correct transcript from the record of proceedings in the  
16 above-entitled matter.

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18 /s/  
Johnny C. Sanchez, CRR, RMR

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